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PREFACE

As a further implementation of the decision made in 1963 to publish a series of seven booklets regarding *The Apocalypse of the New Age* corresponding to the seven annual Aquarius conferences envisaged¹, this booklet presents the contents of our fifth conference, which was held in July 1967 in Toulouse, France.

The contents hardly require any explanation for a seeker. The development of the world and mankind, which we already announced years ago and to which our publications have pointed emphatically, is now irresistibly becoming reality. They prove the plight of unholiness in which man finds himself through self-delusion and lack of true knowledge.

Also this booklet points, in connection with the extremely fast development of the crisis of the world and mankind, to what is to come and to the only path leading to salvation. May in the growing distress of our dangerous era the eyes of many be opened in time, so that they can still grasp the possibilities of the liberating ascent that are also contained in the Apocalypse of our times.

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¹ Due to the death of J van Rijckenborgh in 1968 the last two of the planned Aquarius conferences did not take place.

I

THE INFLUENCE OF SERPENTARIUS AND CYGNUS

Opening Words

We would like to begin this temple service with the words, written down and spoken by the late Mr Antonin Gadai: 'Brothers and sisters, may the beautiful consolations of Bethlehem be poured out upon all of you.' Amen.

In the book *On the Path to the Holy Grail* by Antonin Gadai we read:

'If I am worthy, I am God's temple of reason myself. His son Jesus Christ is the living image of his living majesty. A soul taught by the truth is his altar. The honours and the sacrifices that must be brought to Him, consist of pure and simple prayers alone.' Amen.

'O Christ, O divine Master, I have preserved the three elements of perfection:

the purity of my hands,
the purity of my mouth,
the purity of my heart.' Amen, yes, amen.

Ritual

In Genesis 31, verses 44-51 we read:

‘Laban said to Jacob: ‘Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me. So Jacob took up a stone, and set it up as a pillar. And Jacob said to his kinsmen, ‘Gather stones, and they took stones, and made a heap; and they ate there by the heap. Laban called it *Je’gar-sa-hadu’tha*: but Jacob called it *Galeed*.

Laban said: ‘This heap is a witness between you and me to-day. Therefore he named it *Galeed*, and the pillar *Mizpah*, for he said, ‘The Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other. If you ill-treat my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, although no man is with us, remember, God is witness between you and me.

Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘See this heap and the pillar, which I have set between you and me.’ Amen.

With this quotation from Genesis 31 we hope to have found the focus of our concentration, so that the work, which is to be carried out by the pupils of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum in this fifth Aquarius conference, will succeed.

A witness stone was also laid by the Young Gnostic Brotherhood at Ussat-les-Bains, France in the valley of the Ariège on May 5th, 1957. This sealed the great link between the Lectorium Rosicrucianum and all its predecessors in the Chain of the Brotherhood. In spite of all impediments and up to this very moment, the Young Gnostic Brotherhood has proven its loyalty to Christ and his Chain of the Brotherhood. Therefore, we are filled with a sense of deep gratitude to God, whose power and strength have been manifested in and through the Brotherhood of Life, the Spiritual School of the Young Gnosis and its host of pupils, and who has made this fifth Aquarius conference possible.

Just as the pure and perfect ones of the Gnostic Chain of the Brotherhood of all times had to live and struggle through the process of liberation, this also applies to every serious pupil of the present-day Lectorium Rosicrucianum.

An enormous activity has developed among the pupil-workers of the Spiritual School in the last few months, both on a spiritual and on a physical level, as a preparation for what was to take place in the fifth Aquarius conference in the city of Toulouse in the year 1967.

The new heaven and the new earth will be revealed, not only for the perfect ones, but for all that want to belong to the Gnosis. If the Young Gnostic Brotherhood is allowed to contribute to this by its work and efforts, the labour of the truly living ones will be accomplished again. Whoever testifies of this, will unhesitatingly say from within: 'Yes, amen!'

Thus the preparatory page of the Great Book of the Young Gnosis has been written. This page will now be turned over and, God willing, together we will start a completely new page with the firm resolution:

to be faithful to God,

to be faithful to the Brotherhood of Life,

to be faithful to the Young Gnostic Brotherhood,

as manifested in and through the Lectorium Rosicrucianum, until one day the great sign, the sign of the witness, will have been erected in each of us. Then the fulfilment of everything we have spoken of during this fifth Aquarius conference in the South of France in the year 1967, will once again become a powerful reality. Amen.

First address

We would like to begin this fifth Aquarius conference by repeating what has already been said so often in our addresses during the last few months. Various electromagnetic forces and currents from outer space are accumulating in the planes adjacent to our planet and have already begun to be connected with the magnetic field of our earth.

This situation has reached a very critical phase. That is why we are unable to refrain from drawing your attention to it again. We now want to relate this warning to an announcement which was already imparted to us in the *Confessio Fraternitatis of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross* in the year 1615 AD.

‘With respect to his will, however, God has already sent out messengers in advance, to wit, certain stars which have appeared in Serpentarius and Cygnus. These truly great signs of his mighty ordinance can teach us how much he, if everything man’s ingenuity has discovered were to be combined, would make this serve his secret scriptures. Thus, the Book of Nature stands open and revealed to all eyes, although there are but few who can read it all, much less understand it.’

If you could fully understand the intention of this message of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross, you would know that this Brotherhood precedes the scientific achievements of the best minds of present-day mankind by many centuries. Apart from this, they have developed faculties that far exceed all known human faculties. Let us closely follow these sublime messengers.

In the eighth chapter of the *Confessio Fraternitatis R. C.* the authors have already informed us that they were certain that everything they still had to keep secret, or at best could com-

municate in a very veiled manner only, would finally be proclaimed to the whole world 'within a short time which now approaches with rapid strides, after the world has slept off the stupor of its cup filled with poisons and intoxicants'.

What do these words mean?

As modern people we know that Serpentarius and Cygnus are two nebula systems. They are unimaginably large by our standards and are moving with amazingly high velocity through primordial matter as the great purifiers and divine correctors of the damage in and of the all-manifestation. This at least is one of their functions.

The classical Rosicrucians were completely informed about the tasks of Serpentarius and Cygnus. They also knew that humanity had reached the end of its journey through the nature of death and that it had nearly reached the bottom of the nadir. As a result the whole of mankind had sunk into an increasingly denser darkness because of the concentration of nadir forces, which no longer developed naturally. This meant sinking into a physical somnolence so that understanding, reason and the faculty to react to the plan of God degenerated and were lost.

It can be understood that, before this fatal point was reached, everything possible was done in the world to avoid such a period of sleep. Religious impulses with a deep philosophical background touched the whole of mankind. Messengers were sent to teach and to show every race and nation the one true path of redemption in this era, before the test of the times would arrive. And the most exalted saviour that ever appeared to mankind came to reveal and to confirm his message of salvation in time. It was Jesus who brought the Christ.

However, there was also the great adversary, the great traitor, the clearly recognisable anti-Christ. He brought and developed the first poison for mankind that was approaching the

dangerous test of the times. He put the poisoned, stupefying cup to the lips of those who were susceptible and in this way caused:

the sleep of misunderstanding in the head sanctuary of mankind,

the stagnation of the emotional processes of the heart,

the degeneration of the sensory organs, and

the degeneration of the endocrine system.

In a word, this is a complex of results of a totally wrong development leading to the denaturation of the human serpent fire with all the ensuing consequences.

The content of the poisoned cup causing this deep sleep was the state of delusion that is usually called the present cultural path of mankind. This 'sleep' is now coming to an end in an initially very frightening, cruel and dramatic way.

In the period of the state of sleep of mankind just described a fatal intellectual, mental and materialistic attitude and turmoil developed. This inflicted great harm to our cosmos, to the immediate life field of the whole of mankind and to the atmosphere of our cosmos, resulting in the deterioration of the respiratory field into a very poisoned state. The animal and vegetable kingdoms are becoming extinct and serious diseases plague mankind. In short: our entire planet and its inhabitants have reached such an extremely degenerated and serious state that our planet threatens to become an abnormality and a dissonance in the all-manifestation.

It is obvious that these facts not only mean a danger to our world and humanity that is already recognised here and there, which proves that humanity is beginning to awaken, but it also means that all this must cause great disharmony in the solar system and disturbances in the order of the universe. This affliction will be felt in the wide space outside the solar system

too. It is not difficult to understand that an attack on one Divine body, which a planet is, means an attack on the entire all-manifestation. Therefore, as has been predicted in the *Confessio Fraternitatis of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross*, God's great signs, Serpentarius and Cygnus, have entered into a violent motion.

What purifying corrections can be expected for our planet? That is a question to which every pupil of a Spiritual School seeks a direct answer!

We have already told you that Serpentarius and Cygnus are two nebula systems rushing through space with enormous speed. When they come into contact with other heavenly bodies, they assert their influence, either in a positive or a negative sense; either constructive or destructive, as necessity dictates. Astronomers have discovered that Serpentarius and Cygnus have linked their field of radiation with that of the earth. The influences of Serpentarius and Cygnus have already been established in our field of life. They have become a reality!

We can now ask what their goal is. The answer is obvious: purification! This purification begins in the electromagnetic field of the earth, which is its outermost part. At a given moment this outer aspect merges with the outer aspects of our atmosphere in the following sequence:

with the astral sphere,

with the sphere of the reflecting ether,

with the sphere of the light ether,

with the sphere of the life ether and with the sphere of the chemical ether.

Finally, everything in the material world with all its aspects will be permeated by all of this.

Perhaps you are already familiar with the workings of an electromagnetic radiation field. As soon as such a field has touched the outermost boundaries of a particular body, its radiation power immediately penetrates the nucleus, the innermost being of the body. This means that the influences of Serpentarius and Cygnus have already penetrated the nucleus of our earth. Everyone and everything belonging to this earth field experiences this. In other words: as the touch of the radiation fields of Serpentarius and Cygnus acts in a corrective way and intends to achieve purification, all of mankind experiences this touch from the beginning of this process.

This process increases in power and effect to the extent that the radiation continues to penetrate the nucleus of our planet. This strengthens the intentions of the plan of the Logos in a very dynamic way. Many phenomena at present arising in our field of life can now be completely explained by this radiation activity. For example, just think about the ever-increasing nervous tension of almost all people in the world. This can be fully explained by this process. We have been speaking to you² about the fact that the Moon forces are withdrawing. In combination with this, the process mentioned before rapidly leads to a crisis in which human beings will either change themselves in a regenerating way or fall into a boundless abnormality that will soon culminate in complete annihilation.

The question could arise: 'How can we speak about a change for the better in a situation of such extremely high tension?'

As you already know, the human head sanctuary is, among other things, the concentration point of astral radiations. The quality of these astral substances determines the sphere of action of a person's etheric forces, their energy and their nature.

¹ See *The Liberating Path of the Rosycross (The Apocalypse of the new Era IV)*, chapter III.

If a person possesses true, pure soul quality and thus soul power and soul light, and above all, if soul life is present in him, such a person will assimilate a sublime, pure astral substance that cannot be explained on the basis of his ordinary field of life, but that is supplied in a supernatural way. If a human being already finds himself wholly or partially in such a state, he creates particularly pure light ether, among other things by alchemical transformations in the head sanctuary.

Among other things, light ether serves the care and maintenance of the human sensory faculties and organs. Thus you will be able to imagine, as it were, that a person in such a state of being, that is a human being in whom a cleansed new soul is developing by his mode of life, will not experience the radiations of Serpentarius and Cygnus as a visitation. Nor will he experience them as a correction or as a punishment, but rather as an intense help, as a power that strongly accelerates the processes of sensory expansion and refinement and in which the resistance of ordinary nature will be broken.

You will now be able to understand how this whole natural process, which has just begun in our era, causes either a rise or a fall in a very accelerated way. Now it will be proven whether the opportunities that God has bestowed on us, have been used in a positive or a negative way, and if all the possibilities that exist on the basis of our being human, have been or are being used.

Closing prayer

As perfect streams a thousandfold,
as gold and silver rays,
and as meridians of shining force,
which bid the pupil to the Wedding Day.
Our being's filled with Force Divine,
which manifests the Might,
in rhythmic motion,
unto the Holy Dance,
of which the ancients spoke.

Come dance then this Dance,
in a sanctified sphere
and turn to the House of the Sun. Amen.

Celebrate then the Kingship so near,
and drink from the Fount of Eternity. Amen.

Brothers and sisters,

The Brotherhood of the Grail
has now come forward
in the living present,
prepared to sacrifice itself
in an act of love
for those who suffer,
prepared to battle courageously
for a new dawn. Amen.

II

THE NEW ASTRAL FLUID AND ITS EFFECTS

Opening Words

We hope and pray that we may find each other before the countenance of the Sevenfold Universal Spirit in community with the Rose and the Cross. Amen.

Prayer

From our grateful hearts our prayer radiates to the holy threefold Logos to help us with all our efforts:

to understand the profound meaning of this conference,
to increase as much as possible the dynamics of our yearning for soul consciousness,
to stimulate the self-surrender to the soul within us,
to open ourselves up completely to the new mode of life,
so that we may enter into the living, Magnetic Body of the Spiritual School as consciously witnessing human beings.

O illustrious Hierarchy of Mercy, it is our fervent prayer that we may see the depths of the paths that lead to the transfiguration. Amen.

Ritual

If people are not yet convinced that the soul human being still living in the old, nature born Joannine house, must manifest itself completely, they remain, as nature born ones, a mixture of good and evil. These twin forces of nature can be found as an inextricable tangle in every state of life. The results are extreme fatigue, dulling of understanding, illness, crystallisation and death. The consequences are inescapable and the classical warning: 'For in the day that you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall die', proves to be all too true. The Gnosis of all times has always confronted its pupils with this warning on the basis of facts.

When these problems are regarded in their entirety, it becomes obvious that a serious pupil will ask himself if 'he can really turn away from the twin forces of dialectical nature. He will also ask if the plexus sacralis, the root system of the serpent fire, can be forced to admit into the body the other light forces, the divine light forces of the seven primordial currents'. Yes friends, this is possible! The Gnosis derives its power from this possibility.

The seven primordial currents emanating from the Father are often spoken of in our Inner School. These seven primordial currents of the Logos do not form a mixture of good and evil or of light and darkness. They are omnipresent and their expression of power cannot be changed. If our Spiritual School succeeds in making its pupils live out of this universal Seven-Force, a very special new, unearthly power will emanate from the group. This power is like nourishment, like holy nourishment, like pure manna that will be differentiated daily in the fields of life in the service of all.

In it lies the secret of Gnostic magic: to radiate light power of an unearthly structure due to the fact that the servants who

raise these light torches in the darkness of the nature of death, have liberated their serpent fire system for the entering of the Seven-Spirit. Amen!

The Book of Revelation, chapter 7 verses 9-17:

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood round the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me saying, ‘Who are these clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’ Amen.

Second address

After what we have explained in our first address, it will have become clear to you how incalculably important it is to know positively what the basis is of someone’s mode of life.

Generally speaking, this is obvious. Nevertheless, at this unique turning point in time it is a very compelling requirement, because the human experiences of life of the very near future totally depend on it.

We have already been allowed to tell you that, when two electromagnetic fields touch, the radiations of the stronger field will immediately penetrate the nucleus of the weaker field. Corresponding to these new force lines the following fields will successively be conquered and changed as to their nature:

- a. the astral field of the Earth and of mankind,
- b. the reflecting-ether field of the Earth and mankind,
- c. the light-ether field of both,
- d. the life-ether field of both and
- e. the chemical-ether field of both.

If you examine these lines of development, it will become clear that all human beings have already experienced and felt the start of these influences in the two ways mentioned before. That is why mankind is drifting apart in two diametrically opposite directions.

Humanity has entered a great, new state of turmoil since August 1964, now almost three years ago. On the one hand, a part of humanity tried with ever increasing force to attain a general spiritual renewal with all the corresponding consequences. On the other hand, another part of mankind violently opposed any renewal. They did so, because with regard to the Spiritual School it was thought that such an initiative for renewal was an attempt to drive pupils into a circle of workers that would keep them captive in a practical way of life contrary to, for example, such elementary, humanitarian principles as the right of personal freedom of choice. In this respect it might be good if you were to read our book *The Light Vesture of the New Man** again.

* *The Apocalypse of the new era* 1, Rozekruis Pers, Haarlem 1989.

We only want to explain to you that the primary influences of the corrective field of *Serpentarius* and *Cygnus* touching the world began to affect the modern Spiritual School in particular very noticeably and positively in 1964. In the next three years, 1965, 1966 and 1967, the new process of life, to which mankind is subjected nowadays, developed. This whole process can be followed through its different stages.

This strange, new astral substance has begun to penetrate the head sanctuary of every human being. Because it is an astral substance originating from a galaxy completely alien to mankind, it can be imagined that strange, even most dubious and dangerous ideas are penetrating the head sanctuary of many people.

Just imagine that the head sanctuary of the vast majority of people is completely focused on the ordinary tasks of life. This means: on the astral substance of the ordinary dialectical field of life, on the nadir of human development. When the alien astral substance enters a head sanctuary that has been prepared in this way, there can be no question of supplementing, expanding or extending the level of intelligence, or of new faculties etc. However, a gradually growing confusion develops in this head sanctuary, especially when an attempt is made to react to the new impulses with the purely dialectical faculties at our disposal and to which the whole body is attuned. After the experiences of recent years it can easily be ascertained where this will lead. Just think, for example, of the peculiar developments in the arts, science and religion. These areas are so extensive that we can only touch upon them lightly.

Peculiar ideas and representations, called abstract art, are becoming increasingly predominant. The crazier they are, the more admired and famous they become! In them, reality, fantasy, deception as well as the influence of fashion are tightly interwoven. It could happen that in the head sanctuary of a hu-

man being, without an immediately discernible reason, peculiar combinations of colour without a particular form appear. This person could try to depict them in one way or another. Perhaps such a combination of colours is in motion in the head sanctuary. Following his fantasy, this person believes he has received an impression of an unknown living being. If he is a clever modeller or a sculptor, an image will have been added to so-called abstract art.

The new astral concentrations in the head sanctuary discussed above do not touch only the consciousness, but also the whole sensory organism belonging to it.

The same must be said with regard to the endocrine system. This also reacts to the influences and forces active in the head sanctuary. As a result a very materialistic type of human being might react negatively to this alien astral influence. He might twist historical materialism in a strange way and begin to prattle and to theorise about a hyper-materialistic deity that practices a callous dictatorship. But if the state of the endocrine system leads someone in that direction, he could similarly produce a literary work that is saturated with filth and deliberate insincerity.

All such things are the result of direct abnormality, caused as a negative reaction to the alien astral substance of Serpentarius and Cygnus. In this respect we must certainly not forget all the peculiar twists and turns of the various religious communities that, as a result of the same influences, feel the ground sinking beneath their feet.

It is unnecessary to say that this development will strongly increase in volume during the coming years. During this conference we are not inclined to delve thoroughly into everything that is going to happen in such a way. You will experience it yourselves either personally or from close by. You should rather focus your attention on the positive side of this development, that is: on what will serve your eternal joy.

If a person truly possesses soul quality and daily tries to re-inforce this property and, therefore, among other things, tries to purify the radiation of the serpent fire and make it more positive, the result will always be that the astral fluid, concentrated in the head sanctuary, will become purified. It will become more radiant and will rid itself of all dialectical influences previously existing in the head sanctuary. Naturally the sensory organs and the endocrine system will be adapted to this. In this way the whole organism of such a person will become increasingly open for a truly Gnostic development. When the radiations of Serpentarius and Cygnus then enter into such a person, we cannot speak of sensory illusion or of a negative process of development, but of a positive, constructive and very accelerated development in the new state of life.

Closing prayer

May we daily receive more Insight
into the Liberating Aim of the Spiritual School,
that is: to cause our mortal souls
to rise up into immortality. Amen.

He who goes the Path of the blossoming Rosesets foot upon
the shores of the Land of Life.

There is a dying on the Wheel of the Order of space and time. It
is the future of the dialectical soul-state.

And there is an Endura, a self-surrender to the Kingdom, to
the immortal soul within us.

It is the golden death to which the Universal Brotherhood calls
us, the Golden Death, which is as a Resurrection.

O Golden Portal, may each of us be welcomed by You. Amen.

Final blessing

Blessed are those who wash their robes, for they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.

And the Spirit and the Bride say: Come!
And let him who hears say: Come!
And let him who is thirsty come,
and let him who desires
take the water of life without price. Amen.

Brothers and sisters,
The mercy of Christ be with all. Amen.

III

THE SEVEN DIVINE STREAMS OF LIGHT

Opening words

Aware of being united under the radiation of the holy Golden
Rosycross:

Ex Deo nascimur,
in Jesu morimur,
per Spiritum Sanctum reviviscimus. Amen.

May the New Way be open
to all who turn to the New Realm from within.
May the Mysteries of Mercy
be unveiled to all
who walk the One Path.

O Spirit of Salvation,
You Who have seized the heart of the nature of death,
and from this Heart send Your rays even to the darkest
corners,
You make us truly Live,
while we are still stumbling in the shadows of the night.

You raise us up at the beginning of the Way,
Which leads to Your Riches.
And so, with heads uplifted,
we may go, straight through night and hazy mists,
to the Freedom of the children of God. Amen.

‘If the soul smiles basking in the sunlight of your life,
if your soul sings in its shroud of flesh and matter,
if your soul weeps in its fortress of illusion,
if your soul strives to sever the silver cord that links it to the
Master,
then know, O disciple,
that your soul belongs to the Earth’. Amen.

Ritual

‘Determined, the pupil-initiate enters the realms of the Spirit.
‘Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food
which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give
to you, for on him has God the Father set his seal. Thus Jesus
has commanded and he must be obeyed. ‘He who believes in
me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whoever lives and be-
lieves in me, shall never die.

It is not always easy for the pupil-initiate to understand the
sublime meaning and the spiritual value of divine words im-
mediately. Religion means: serving the Spirit. The heavenly
bread makes life in the Spirit possible. The power of baptism
and the spiritual touch caused by it are heavenly gifts of mercy,
a stimulus of the Holy Spirit to fulfil the all-manifestation. All
these things help the initial insight of the pupil to grow and
mature and begin to unveil to him the Cathar gospel as to the
letter and the spirit.

He sees himself with the Essenes, with whom Jesus spent a
number of years. In his mind he experiences their life of seclu-
sion and silence and arrives at serious and useful comparisons
with the life of the Parfaits. The Essenes meticulously studied
the hidden forces and effects of plants and minerals. Some
possessed the gift of prophecy. They schooled novices for three
years before reception into the Brotherhood was possible.

Then there were the communal meals, the sacred robes, prayers, silence, the prohibition of oaths, aversion to lies, the humility, exemplary morality and the esoteric traditions of the Prophets. In addition to this, the candidate achieves the sanctification of the consciousness, individual freedom, purification by a modest way of life and strict observance of the requirements of the order. The logical result of all this is that the soul joyfully ascends, liberated from the shackles of the body as after a long state of slavery.’ * Amen.

Friends, try to understand that through the ages the Universal Rosycross has had the mission and the task of supporting mankind in its striving for liberation, however and wherever, without losing sight of the fact that the Universal Rosycross, as a servant of the Universal Christ, also takes direct initiatives.

In the ancient, classical centre of the Cathars in the Ariège valley in the south of France there was and is a cave that is called the cave of the Grand Master.

Who was this Grand Master? He was not a Cathar but a Rosicrucian! He represented the Brotherhood of the Rosycross among the Cathars. He gave help and support as far as possible and linked the Cathars with those who would be near them forever. Appointed to the Brotherhood of the Cathars, the Grand Master of the Rosycross would never interfere with the magic of the church.

Magic means forcefully supporting a particular goal, a dogma or a striving in order to influence people. That is why magic, if it is to be applied in a truly divine sense, must be subject to strict laws. These laws must change continuously, because human progress demands it.

* Antonin Gadal: *Sur le chemin du saint-graal*.

Just as much magic is entirely based on the forces of the ancient moon mysteries, the magic of the church is based on the kundalini forces of the astral body. Until the beginning of our era it was still possible, and to a certain degree permitted, to work with the chakra kundalini of the astral body. However, already at that time these practices were thwarted by the teachings of Christ Jesus. This is why for the last two thousand years no true Rosicrucian will use any other kundalini force but that of the heart, that of the soul. The reason is that it has, for at least two thousand years, been an absolute prerequisite for all who want to practice true magic to stimulate mankind to give birth to the living Spirit-Soul. This is the essential task of this Earth period. Amen.

Third address

We have explained yesterday that the radiations and forces that reach the world and mankind from Serpentarius and Cygnus have two clearly distinct effects: a negative and a positive effect.

The negative effect is determined by a human being himself, when he is still completely of this nature and considers dialectics as the ultimate purpose of life and has therefore his intellect and his entire plan of life focused on the nature of death.

However, a person himself also determines the positive effect, namely when he is completely focused on the development of his soul and thus on liberation from the nature of death. In this state of being the radiations of Serpentarius and Cygnus work in a helping, realising and dynamic way.

In addition, you must understand that the radiations of Serpentarius and Cygnus do not bring about any psychological change in the effects and intentions of the holy Seven-Spirit.

On the contrary! They accelerate these effects and intentions. Now, this is what is so remarkable, so special about the time in which we live. An intercosmic force intervenes in order to accelerate the execution of God's plan in accordance with God's council. You will understand that mankind's reaching the nadir does not only concern our earth, but also generates a new order of the whole universe. Serpentarius and Cygnus create this new order.

It now becomes obvious that we have entered a period in which a decision is required of all of you. After what has been predicted for centuries has arrived and many messengers have shown us the process, your response must now follow. Just as the universe keeps pace with the development of God's plan and every cosmos naturally participates in it, in the same way every microcosm is also an integral part of it, preferably as a positive participant, or else at least as a negative one. This is why you were and are now being informed in a twofold way.

You know that the Mercury idea is the central theme of this conference. We are thinking here of the Caduceus, the Mosaic serpent-fire staff that is usually called the serpent fire. We all must use it in order to be able to walk the path that leads to the goal. That is why the great task for all of you is to bring this serpent fire, which we all possess, into the required state.

The basis and root of the serpent fire, the sacral plexus, is linked either with the dialectical light power principle, symbolically called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, with all ensuing negative results, or it is linked with the light power principle of the universal Seven-Spirit, symbolically called the tree of life. The whole process of descent into the nature of death, down to the nadir, this process that contains the whole history of our world up to this moment, is being ended now and will be replaced by a process of ascent by the process of

the tree of life. Therefore, it is logical to ask: From the fruit of which tree do you live?

By means of its root system, the sacral plexus, the threefold serpent fire absorbs as it were all the building materials and fuels your microcosmic life system needs and directs them to the various organs. The head sanctuary is the central organ, from which all these building materials and fuels execute their various tasks, after they have been received in the sacral plexus.

To be precise, we have to tell you that there are seven divine light streams of different types, out of which humanity must live. They are the seven primordial elements that the ancient ones called the 'seven harmonies'. The candidate in the Gnostic mysteries must be able to react fully to these seven harmonies. He must possess and carry them in the seven brain cavities, the storerooms of his state of life.

A true human being that possesses an active threefold serpent-fire system will assimilate a fundamental, threefold prana via this threefold tree of life. This threefold prana will be concentrated in the three higher brain cavities and is so fundamental that the rest of the being is opened up for the other four life streams.

For ordinary, dialectical present-day human beings, in which the two strings of the sympathicus are not linked in the sacral plexus, only one fundamental life stream can enter in the way described. The result is that this one breath of life can only perform a very fragmentary task in the three higher brain cavities. You will understand that a disturbance in such a fundamental organism will not only make a person abnormal, but will simultaneously make him different in every aspect contained in the plan. That is why the forces of Serpentarius and Cygnus have intervened in today's critical situation in order to prevent a further undesirable development.

You could now ask how the shattered tri-unity of and in the

sacral plexus could be restored. For this process would have to be fundamental.

The three fundamental life streams in the higher brain cavities must be able to co-operate perfectly, before we can speak of the genesis of original man. All sanctification must start on the basis of the serpent fire, on the basis of the caduceus. That is why we refer to the sacral plexus as the basis of sanctification. According to the veiled teachings of the mysteries, the sacral plexus links a person directly with the starting point, with the beginning of the human journey to the nadir, the journey of millions of years on the river of life. First the decline on this river was necessary as a path to gain experience under the guidance of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then, equally necessary, an upward journey on this stream followed, but now under the guidance of the tree of life. Every human being must travel this twofold path supported by his serpent staff.

Now you can perhaps imagine that, as soon as the return journey, the upward journey, begins, the basis of the serpent fire must change completely as to its function and effect. Mankind has long searched, through psychology, to find a solution to the enormous problem of how the upward path could be found.

There was a group with an ineradicable urge for a religious mode of life. And there was a group with an intense striving for expansion of its intellectual faculties, with an urge for knowledge. And there was a third group searching for a solution in a thousand and one different ways by developing an unbridled urge for activity.

The question could arise how it is possible that in such a complicated organism the longing for restoring what was destroyed, for the liberation from the wheel of birth and death, could arise.

Sooner or later this longing arises from the human heart; from the heart sanctuary that is closely linked with the three higher brain cavities and in which the abode of the spiritual human being can be found too. You know that this is right. You know of the primordial atom, the rosebud, buried in every heart. However, at a certain moment a human being will hear a strange voice speak in his heart, after he has been struck by the blows of fate long and hard enough, that is by the blows of the primordial forces. It is the voice of those who have reached the end of a process of life, a process of life which, with one exception, has proven to be totally useless. It is the result of futile efforts and many exertions on the horizontal plane.

This kind of result has a powerful effect on the state of the human blood. And in this state of the blood a cry for help can arise from the depths of the heart. It is the voice of the Sphinx that is almost buried under the sand of the desert. It is the voice that calls and pleads for salvation. Whoever responds to this voice in piety and devoutness and self-surrender whoever does not resist in anger because of all dialectical impediments in life, but follows the path so often proposed to him already he will prove to be able to restore the threefold serpent fire.

In the sacral plexus the two separate strings of the spinal spirit fire will then be linked again by the increased vibration. Thus the circulation process that has been interrupted for so long and that has made mankind earthbound will be completely restored. From this moment, the three higher brain cavities in the head sanctuary will be filled again with the three fundamental radiations of the Seven-Spirit with miraculous results. The well-known pineal gland can be found, for example, in the sixth brain cavity. As soon as it receives its original, divine nourishment, great things will develop in the life of the pupil.

As a form of preparation it is perhaps good to indicate briefly in advance the aspects of the serpent fire activities still

to be explained. The pineal gland, among other things, appears in the human system as an atom generator. By this we mean that the pineal gland determines the nature, structure and being of the atoms at the basis of the personality. The atoms, from which our bodies are constructed, have a certain quality. Although the atoms of every human being originate from the same root substance, they are completely altered as to their nature and vibration as soon as they have been in contact with the pineal gland. It will now be obvious that the pineal gland will be stimulated to a completely new activity, after the circulation activity of the serpent fire has been restored and the three fundamental rays of the Seven-Spirit fill the three higher brain cavities with their radiation. This atom generator will create new and different atoms and distribute them throughout the whole being. You will understand that transfiguration must be the result of this.

In the *Spiritual Testament of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross* the sixth candelabrum that must be kindled is mentioned. This sixth candelabrum is the sixth brain cavity, in which the pineal gland can be found. Kindling the sixth candelabrum as a Rosicrucian means:

1. entering a new process of life,
2. entering a new world development with the restored serpent-fire staff held tightly in the right hand,
3. being absolutely capable of ascending the way back, the upward path, in the living present,
4. beginning with the transfiguration and being *in* the world but no longer *of* the world.

Epilogue

The pupil of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross is linked from within to the highest devotion to his duty both as

to matter, as to the soul and as to the spirit. This devotion to his duty therefore means: knowledge of duty, the heartfelt desire for duty and the joyful realisation of duty. This knowledge, desire and realisation concern, among other things, the complete understanding of the sublime laws of true human genesis and the mutual relationships of the life waves. In this respect, any abnormality is contrary to God's will and must be totally eradicated.

The pupil of the modern Spiritual School is committed to absolute honesty to himself, to others and to God. The pupil will not hesitate to live in complete self-denial as to body and soul. Self-denial means that a person, driven by true love, consciously surrenders to the community of the group. Self-denial means the liberation of the soul. 'Whoever loses his life for my sake, he will find it.' Amen.

Closing Blessing

Brothers and sisters,
For those who truly desire
the time has dawned again to become human beings
in the true sense of the word.
Under the light of the flaming star
you will be granted the special honour
of becoming liberated souls.
The Divine Master once said:
'I am the Alpha and the Omega'.
He will lead you on the Path of the Stars. Amen.

IV

THE APPROACHING INTERCOSMIC REVOLUTION

Opening words

United in the radiation power of the holy Rosycross:
Mercy, love and peace will be multiplied in you
through the knowledge of God, in the sanctification of the
Spirit,
in obedience and on the basis of the blood
bound to Jesus the Lord. Amen.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God
sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through
him. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, be-
cause he has given us of his own Spirit through his Son. Amen.

Prologue

‘In the name of God, protector of the universe:

Here below, O soul, is the world of matter, the abode of un-
satisfied yearning and fear, degradation and grief.

There above is the world of the Spirit, the abode of peace,
liberation from fear, and high dignity and joy.

You, O soul, have seen both worlds and gathered experi-
ences in both. Make your choice now in accordance with your
experience.

You came forth out of a certain tree, O soul, and are a twig of
this tree. No matter how far the twig is from its tree, yet the link

between the tree and the twig exists, so that every twig receives nourishment from the tree. If something were placed between the tree and the twig, the nourishment of the twig would be cut off and the twig would wither and die. Reflect on this, O soul, and be convinced that your destiny is to return to your Creator who is the tree from which you have grown.

Therefore, liberate yourself from the blemishes and the burdens of this material world that impede your return to your own sublime world and to the tree from which you have grown.' Amen.

Ritual

'What the mediaeval Rosicrucian experienced when observing the processes of nature was a holy science. Everything he experienced of spiritual sacrifice, of great joys, of important natural processes, but also of pain and sadness and uplifting and pleasant events during the experiments he carried out, had a redeeming and liberating effect on him. Everything imbued in him at that time now slumbers in the innermost being of every human being. How can we now recover the hidden powers that once led to etheric sight?

We can find them when we completely surrender, through serious meditation and concentration, to the inner life of the soul. [...] Then will happen, albeit initially only in a small group, what Paul was allowed to experience on his way to Damascus: the perception of the etheric Christ appearing to mankind in a transcendental way. First of all, however, mankind must return to a spiritual perception of nature. [] Spiritual perception will not be attained before an inner transformation process, which is only possible through spiritual science, has been lived through. [...]

By the baptism in the Jordan, when the Christ descended into the body of Jesus of Nazareth, and by the mystery of Golgotha humanity has been prepared to see and experience the Christ at a later stage but still in this millennium [...] in the etheric body. The Christ came and walked on earth in a physical body only once. This must be understood well! The return of the Christ means: perceiving Him in the etheric body in a transcendental way.

Whoever desires to go the right path of development, will have to acquire the faculty to see with spiritual eyes. If the Christ had to re-appear in a physical body, it would mean that mankind had not made progress. At His return He will be manifested in an etheric body.

What the various religions could offer has been brought together by Christian Rosycross and the Council of the Twelve. The result was that everything the individual religions have offered, what their faithful have been striving for and what they have fervently been awaiting, could now be found in the Christ impulse. That is why the task for the next three thousand years will be: to foster and make grow the understanding of the Christ impulse. From the twentieth century on, all religions will be united in the mystery of the Rosycross. This will be possible in the next three thousand years, because it will no longer be necessary to teach mankind by means of what has been established in documents, but on the basis of the perception of the Christ himself humanity will understand the experience Paul had on his way to Damascus. Mankind itself will go through this Paul experience'. * Amen.

* Rudolf Steiner, *Das esoterische Christentum*. Dornach 1962, p. 76.

Fourth address

We have been allowed to explain that since the beginning of time there has been a divine universal involvement with the world and mankind. This is an activity we usually call the Holy Seven-Spirit. This Holy Spirit propels mankind step by step according to the plan underlying the universe. Everything will function perfectly as long as humanity accepts God's guidance and the human mind is completely attuned to it. However, it is obvious that, as mankind has become increasingly conscious and the different organic structures of the body are nearing the pinnacle of their development, a very dangerous period has dawned. After all, during this period it must become clear if humanity is, to a certain extent, capable of taking command of its own life, its own development. Its insight in the universal plan, its faith and its free will should lead mankind according to the intentions of the Logos. Just as a newborn human being must learn to walk alone at a certain moment, this also applies to the human race that has recently entered such a period, in which freedom must be practised and developed as a fundamental human characteristic.

You will understand that such a period must be strictly supervised intercosmically and that powerful intervention may be necessary. The reason is that such a period is always extremely dangerous, not only for its own life wave, but also, and especially when viewed intercosmically, for the order of the universe, for the entire field of creation. That is why Serpentarius and Cygnus are now appearing, in order to neutralise or prevent the many dangers threatening the world and mankind, for the benefit of the solar system and the entire universe. Undoubtedly you will understand this.

It must also be understood that both on earth and around us very strange events are going to take place. That is why we say

that by the criterion of our time many strange atmospheric phenomena will be manifested and respiratory problems will occur too by this intercosmic intervention. All these atmospheric influences will, among other things, have a strong effect on the human faculties of sensory perception. The visual faculty in particular will be affected and will be able to see both outwardly and inwardly. Much that was hidden and invisible as if behind a high wall until now, can be seen with the new sensory faculty that will occasionally become active for example, the inhabitants of the reflection sphere and also the environment in which they exist, may be visible.

Because of the same influences, the northern radiation field of our planet must also reveal its previously veiled secrets. Thus the inhabitants of the realms that lie under the surface of the earth will become visible and recognisable, because their lives also will be completely changed by the intercosmic revolution that has touched the earth. This will, among other things, take place through many volcanic eruptions, which will radically change the interior of the Earth as well as the outer aspects of land and sea.

A different aspect of this totally new development of the world is the beginning of an intercosmic traffic between the inhabitants of the planets and other heavenly bodies. The inhabitants of other planets will visit us and teach us many things about which we are still ignorant. This new development should be regarded as the transformation of the downward path leading to the nadir into the upward path leading to the house of the Father.

We are only approaching all these features of the near future from the prophetic aspect of these things. The scientific and technical aspects are not in our competence.

For the first time in world history the holy and sacred Broth-

erhood of Immortal Souls, about which we have already spoken so often, will become visible and recognisable for those whose eyes are or can be opened.

‘Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come hither! And in the sight of their foes they went up to heaven in a cloud. And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is still to come.

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying: ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshipped God, saying:

‘We give thanks to thee, Lord God Almighty,
who art and who wast,
that thou hast taken thy great power and begun to reign.
The nations raged, but thy wrath came,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
for rewarding thy servants, the prophets and saints,
and those who fear thy name, both small and great,
and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.

Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.’ Amen.

It is obvious that in this upheaval two groups of people can be clearly distinguished.

First there is the group of those who have already understood the purpose of life and were focusing on it, were adapting to it, like, for example, the International Community of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum. And like those, there are some whose eyes are opened for the first time by the shock of the revolution of things and who are not completely closed off by a bad way of life in matter. There are also those who can open up now, because they possess applied love power, for love power generates openness. In addition, there are those who can, on the basis of their pure religious attitude, find the link they had lost in the old mode of life. Together they will form suitable material, the basis for a truly Priestly Host, for an Inner School that will lead to a new human community of true Christians, whose state of faith will be founded on kindness, truth and reality in direct communion with the Christ hierarchy.

Then there is the second group of those who, in one way or another, are mentally damaged. This group is appallingly large and consists of many millions of people.

In the first place are those who are so heavily burdened with karma that they incarnate with damaged personalities.

Secondly, there are those whose head sanctuary is badly damaged by the mental and intellectual practices they have applied.

Thirdly are those whose moral corruption is so great that the whole endocrine system, the sensory organism and the heart sanctuary are corrupted and cannot be restored in one life.

Fourthly, there are those who, generally speaking, either nature-religiously or scientifically or by their works of art have committed such great sins against the whole of mankind that this cannot simply be atoned for.

These people must also be helped. They come, to quote the Bible, ‘under the judgement’. This judgement, however, is not

a punishment as commonly understood, but a therapy with the help of which it can be attempted to help and to heal them without inflicting damage on the rest of mankind.

To this end, the Logos will direct all these types of people to realms that are especially reserved for them and where they can no longer inflict damage on the rest of mankind by their behaviour. As you know, the whole world and mankind presently form one great hospital, a great asylum for the mentally disturbed and there is in fact not enough room to help everyone. It could also be said that in this respect everything is completely congested. It is therefore apparent that Serpentarius and Cygnus will also intervene in the order of things in this respect.

We hope to be able to explain in our next address how this intervention will take place.

Epilogue

‘Just as the sun is the joy of those who seek his light, so the Lord is my joy because he is my sun. His rays have raised me from the dead and his light has driven away the darkness from before my eyes. Through his mercy I have received eyes and have seen his holy day.

I have received ears and have understood his truth. I have received the faculty to reflect on wisdom, and found joy through his works. I have abandoned the path of error; I went to him and received abundant blessings. He gave to me according to his greatness and he treated me according to his regal gentleness.

Because of his name I have put on the imperishable and through his mercy I have laid down the perishable. Death has disappeared before my eyes and immortal life has emerged before me on the Lord’s earth. He is revealed to his faithful and has been given without reservation to all who trust him.’
Amen.

Closing prayer

When a pupil or servant, in the service of the Brotherhood of Life, denies the Young Gnostic Brotherhood out of fear for the future, its reflex in the serpent fire is fatal for the descending radiation of Gnosis. Friends, prove your pupilship by positive action under all circumstances. Then the Gnosis will prove itself to be the only way to soul redemption.

Brothers and Sisters, may the merciful radiation power of the Christ be with you all. Amen.

V

THE TESTIMONY OF THE CONFESSIO FRATERNITATIS R.C.

Opening Words

May you assimilate the light power in the only correct way by your devotion to and your concentration on the Gnosis and its mercy, so that you will experience its purifying influence to the full. Amen.

Prologue

‘I say this in order that no one may delude you with beguiling speech. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in him, who is head of all rule and authority.

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ. And you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

And you, who were dead in trespasses, and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.'

Ritual

'Therefore let no one pass judgement on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, 'Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!' (referring to things that all perish as they are used), according to human precepts and doctrines? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting rigor of devotion and self-abasement and severity to the body, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming.' Amen.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 15, Paul says that what was sown in dishonour and weakness, is raised, awakened and transformed in glory, power and imperishability.

What happens when the liberating path is truly walked? Then a soul body of great, eternal and spiritual quality is being built and formed. When it is realised that no single place can be found in the world where tranquillity, peace and security, freedom and happiness can exist; when it has also been understood that real as well as unreal things must be called illusions, the hour can arrive in human life when a yearning for different, higher values is born.

Whoever follows such a longing and listens to it, will set his foot on the path of soul rebirth. It is the path that leads to the life fields of eternal bliss and never-ending peace. In the secret teachings of the Semites the Palace of Love is mentioned. The Gnostics speak of the Fullness of Eternal Light. The Buddhists call it Nirvana, and for Christians it is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Before the liberating path of life of the soul can be understood, it must be preceded by a conscious surrender of the I-consciousness to the Fullness of Eternal Light. This is a self-surrender, by which, as the Bible says, no one can be harmed. Therefore, whoever gains the soul, will find the Spirit.

However, the soul cannot reach this place of bliss before unification with the substance from which it has originated. Intuition depends on the faculty of the soul to possess complete knowledge of the divine fullness of the universe, manifested to and in every atom of the seven cosmic planes. This manifestation is the essence of the spirit, with which the soul is united by means of its intuitive faculty and out of which it is going to exist and live. That is why we can understand the warning in an ancient Hermetic writing so well: 'Woe to the soul that prefers earthly marriage with its earthly body to its divine spouse the Spirit.'*

It is common knowledge that great confusion about the idea and essence of the Spirit exists in the world. Whatever the case, above all it appears that the unification of a human being with the Spirit can only be celebrated after the birth of the immortal soul. We are all invited by the Brotherhood of Life to celebrate this feast, the feast of the endura; the feast that can harm no one.

The Buddhist doctrine of salvation teaches: 'Enter this path and put an end to sorrow. Truly, I, who have found in what way the wounds of the arrows of sorrow must be healed, have taught the path to you. However, you yourself must attempt to be healed'. In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 7, verses 13 and 14 we read: 'Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life. [...] Come, follow me'.

We pray to you: enter this narrow path and let yourself be led out of the restless streams of life into the joy, the peace and the quiet of the spirit-soul life. May your thoughts about the path strengthen you and stimulate you to persevere. Use every hour of the day: bide your time! Amen.

Fifth address

You will be able to imagine that this entire, very complicated revolution of the world and mankind, about which we have been speaking, has tremendous consequences and will change the appearance of our world completely. Before we come to a comprehensive survey, we would like to try and explore certain details with which we are all more or less confronted.

First, we would like to take a look at the nature-religious camp of the churches and sects. This means the camp of those

who believe that they have found the basis of religious life in the literal interpretation of the Bible and of other Holy Scriptures and have built their science, their theology on it. It is mere academic knowledge, on the basis of which countless numbers of people have been taught through the ages, and with the help of which they have been focused on their present and future lives by their professors, doctors and other teachers. We certainly do not want to deny the intellectual knowledge of these scholars, for penetrating to the knowledge of ancient languages and to everything it involves demands great effort and formidable intelligence, which we greatly respect.

Try to understand that penetrating, for example, to Greek, Latin, Hebrew or any other language and deciphering cuneiform writing and hieroglyphics and the like can perhaps bring mankind closer to what and how people thought and philosophised in earlier times it could be compared with how we think today but it does not bring us one step closer to the great and absolute Reality. What the past has presented to us in this vast area by the tremendous work and industrious searching of many scholars is undoubtedly beautiful, and generally speaking wonderful to read or to delve into. Nevertheless, we repeat that it doesn't bring us one millimetre closer to what the classical philosophy of the Chinese called *Tao*.

It should also be taken into account that all this ancient knowledge of past civilisations was written down in a very veiled way. It was often clothed in an almost impenetrable web of symbols or, for other reasons, incorrectly translated.

Great fear lay at the bottom of all this. You know the methods of our 'holy' fathers: any deviation from the established beliefs of a certain period was punished with death or other atrocities. Thus it can be established that the truth was proclaimed as it was seen at a particular moment in time. That is why it is invariably only a fragment of the truth. Truth cannot

be understood mentally or intellectually. That is absolutely impossible. It is impossible for another reason too.

Ever since the manifestation of the universe there has always been progress in the development of things, which can be seen as a gradual progress towards a certain goal rather than as a continuous change. A purely mental approach to a particular period in the past could possibly provide some knowledge about the thinking and behaviour of those days, but nothing of the one all-embracing truth and its beginning, continuation and goal. A living soul state is necessary for this. By this we mean a purified and fully developed serpent fire. That is to say: a fully developed system of vehicles for the period we have now entered and in which we are now living.

The system of vehicles of the period that has now been closed is becoming very obsolete. In this period the possession of a trained intellectual faculty with all its scholastic trivia was the high goal desired by all. But now, in the period we have just entered, the head sanctuary must be prepared for a totally different path of development, for which completely different forces and electromagnetic principles are more necessary than ever before.

As the human development to the nadir is turning upward and we have to this end entered a new period, a total revolution of intellectuality to spirit-soul development is very urgently required for the sake of survival. The world still cries for education! We have no objection to it, provided this education is limited to the absolutely necessary. We still hear mothers and fathers say that their sons or daughters only have to pass one more exam and then then it has been achieved! What has been achieved? That is not mentioned, because they don't know themselves. That must still be discovered. The illusion of the highest goal was and is so-called success, preferably with honours, for the rock-hard 'I'.

What we have said is undoubtedly embarrassing to hear for many university graduates among us. They may think that they have climbed to the topmost rung of the ladder, but they will definitely tumble down in the development that has just begun. However, friends, you are only being told this so that in the near future your undoubtedly brilliant possibilities can develop in a completely different way.

Just look around! What has become of our world in the political, economic and social sectors? Isn't it just a large rubbish dump surrounded by the smoking graves of the countless dead and the countless wounded? How many people have been incurably damaged in their physical development? And the number of mentally handicapped people is staggering!

The rest of mankind that may still be classified as healthy must breathe in a totally polluted and poisoned atmosphere. In addition, millions survive on arid soil on the edge of starvation.

Therefore, with this reality before our eyes, we can imagine that it is undeniably necessary that the forces of Serpentarius and Cygnus intervene in order to save the so badly damaged and declining world. It is a matter of healing the countless wounds that have been inflicted

above the earth,
on the earth,
under the earth and
in the earth.

During all these processes of restoration the part of mankind that yearns for the true, new possibilities of life will bide the wondrous moment of the manifestation of the salvation *and* of the power *and* of the Kingship of God *and* of the might of his Anointed One.

Then those who have soul consciousness will awaken from the stupor of the cup filled with poisons and intoxicants, in

which mankind has lain as if completely unconscious. They will with open heart, bare head and unshod feet merrily and joyfully step forth and meet the new sun, the new dawn.

This testimony from the *Confessio Fraternitatis R. C.*, which so aptly applies to coming events, was once addressed to all scholars of Europe and beyond and, please note, to all those who truly thirst for wisdom.

If we again address ourselves to you, assuming that you too belong to those who truly thirst for wisdom, we would like to say after everything we have been allowed to impart to you during this fifth Aquarius conference:

Read the *Confessio Fraternitatis* once again and reflect seriously on its message. Then you will fully recognise and, God willing, fathom the intentions and the goals of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross, both in the past and in the present.

The Rosicrucians say that it requires great effort to make someone believe something that is still invisible. However, when what we have predicted appears in broad daylight, many will be deeply ashamed of the doubts they have fostered. In any case, we are certain that ‘what we here express in a veiled and hesitant manner, we shall in the future proclaim with louder voice. May you wholeheartedly desire, as we do, that this may come to pass right speedily.’

Among what type of people can those be found, whom the Rosicrucians refer to as really thirsting for wisdom?

Our answer to this question is: in the first place among those born of pure parents, who have given their children a worthy upbringing and who tried not to apply mental force in any way. In such people an inner longing awakens for a liberating life and openness to real solutions to their problems of life. Many of us will consider a truly mentally responsible upbringing for

their children a serious problem in a time such as ours. Especially as the world has reached the end of an old period and great changes have announced themselves, people will feel this great responsibility as a heavy burden.

Our advice to them is: distance yourself as much as possible from the ordinary doings of people who, without thinking or understanding, continue to follow the tracks of those who bind themselves to the earth by their behaviour. Guide your children by talking to them about the coming new day that is imminent. An immeasurable longing, a fervent hope and an unshakeable faith will be very helpful to you.

And, if you still do not belong to them in a positive sense, join the group of those who are called the truly determined ones, the true Gnostic Priestly Host, without delay. This group, too, will be able to receive the help of Serpentarius and Cygnus. On the basis of their radiation power and their intervention for the benefit of the whole of mankind, they make heads and hearts sensitive for the new era in a very special way. If the souls of these people truly develop, their serpent fire can already be considered a real guide in life by its special radiation power. It can be considered a very magical guide with an extremely strong influence. Only for those who can recognise the great importance of possessing this guide, He will overcome everything.

He is the precursor, the forerunner of the new, true Caduceus that overcomes everything and everyone. This is the staff, which we pray you may all receive.

Epilogue

Whoever out of the Spirit-Soul lives
and walks in its radiant light;
whoever sets his foot on the path
to support the pilgrims in their plight
and to give them every help,
for which their hearts have longed
in all their strenuous striving,
in their grief and soul's distress,
they encompass every seeker
with Gnosis' vesture of light,
that burning as a twofold fiery sword
reveals the one great Truth.
To experience the multiple light
in the great power of love
is to find the sword of the Spirit,
that awaits who truly seeks. Amen.

Closing prayer

God is love. And whoever abides in this love, abides in God
and God in him. Brothers and Sisters, may the mercy, the love
and the power of Jesus Christ our Lord come over you all and
be with you all! Amen.

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